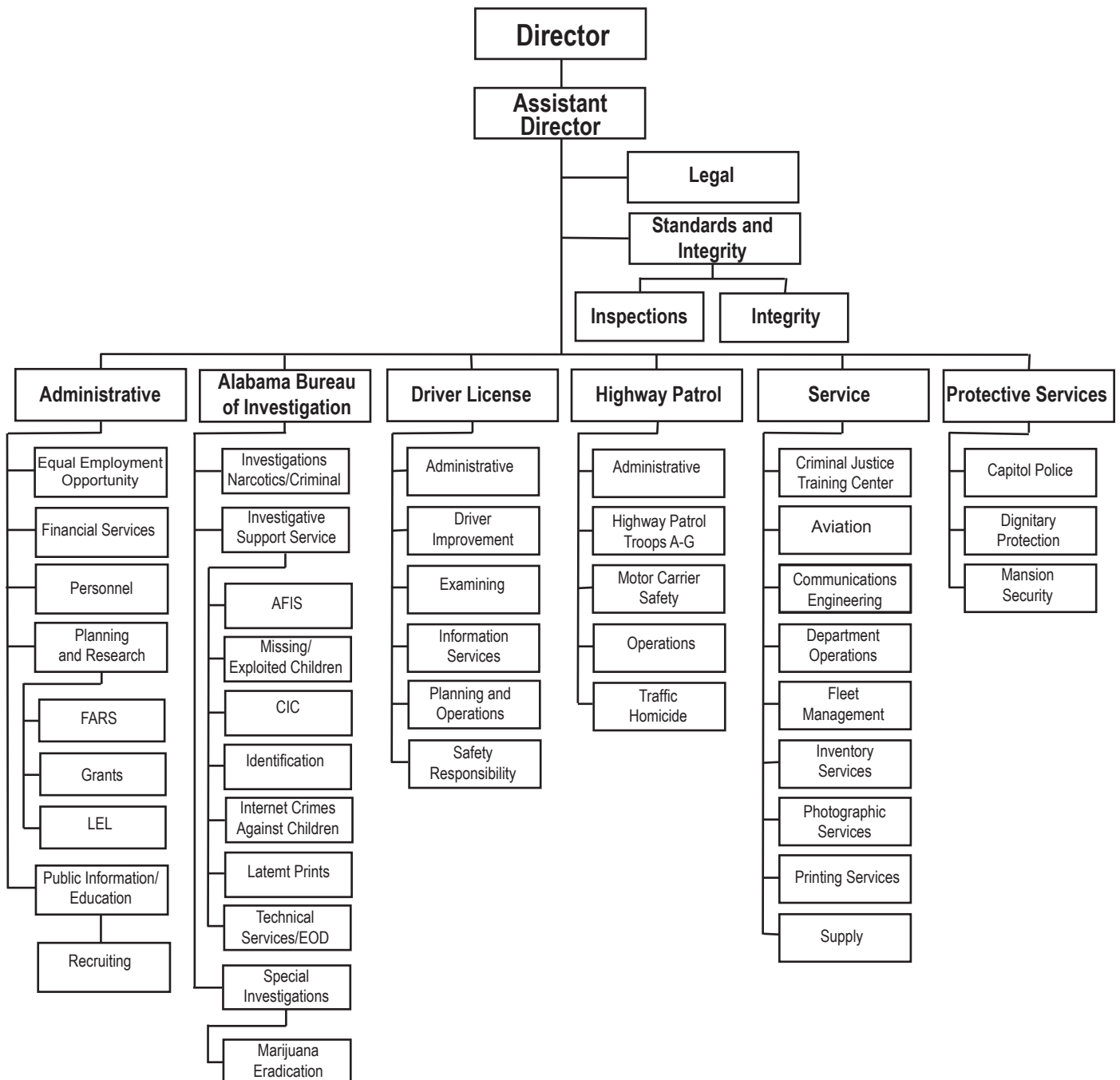


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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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All other divisions of the Department of Public Safety are served by the Administrative Division, which implements policies and procedures and provides a variety of functions necessary to the smooth operation of the department.

FINANCIAL SERVICES UNIT

The Financial Services Unit has the following primary areas of responsibility in the operation of the Department of Public Safety.

- 1. Departmental Budget:** The budget is prepared by the chief financial officer, usually during the summer, depending upon when the budget is passed, to meet the financial needs of the department during the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The total amount appropriated by the Legislature is analyzed and converted into an operations plan that best fulfills the needs of each departmental division, down to the organization and grant levels. The budget is analyzed and modified as necessary during the fiscal year to meet the department's changing obligations. The annual budget request to the Legislature is prepared each fall based on anticipated financial requirements for the coming year.
- 2. Accounts Payable:** The Accounts Payable Section makes all of the departmental payments for purchases, travel, rent, repairs, utilities, etc. Invoices are audited and payment vouchers are created and processed for all expenditures of the department. These expenditures are analyzed and financial reports prepared to reflect the financial status of the department. The Accounting Section also prepares and processes all of the inter-agency accounts payable and distributes all checks except payroll.

The Accounts Payable Section also maintains the professional services contract database to encumber the estimated quarterly amount of each contract at the beginning of each quarter.

- 3. Accounts Receivable:** The Accounts Receivable Section prepares and processes all of the interagency accounts receivables and cash/credit card receipts. The section reconciles and deposits all receipts into the State Treasury from 106 Driver License locations, 10 Reinstatement offices, ABI, and other DPS divisions. The section is also responsible for the daily reconciliation and deposits into the State Treasury of driver license issuance fees previously collected by probate judges in each county, plus the reconciliation and deposit of credit card fees collected by probate offices which have elected to utilize the credit card system. The section also is responsible for monthly remitting to the probate offices those fees that were collected on behalf of the probate offices.
- 4. Payroll:** Payrolls are prepared to insure each employee of the department is paid the correct amount in a timely manner. The GHRIS Payroll System is a completely automated payroll/personnel system. The Payroll Section enters all regular overtime, grant overtime, subsistence, and other payments, in addition to making all withholding and other deduction changes for the department, as well as distributing all payroll checks.
- 5. Grants Accounting:** The Grants Accounting Section comprises accounting, billing, reporting and receipts areas. This includes processing all payments made concerning each federal grant, preparing claims according to the guidelines set out by each individual grant reporting entity.

6. Purchasing: The Purchasing Section is responsible for all requisitions, agency encumbrances, purchase orders and contracts for the department. The Purchasing Section coordinates all requisitions with the Accounts Payable Section to ensure that sufficient budget exists prior to any purchase.

LEGAL UNIT

During FY 2006, the Legal Unit was staffed by five attorneys, a docket clerk, an ASA I, two ASA II's, one ASA III, and a legal research assistant. The primary responsibility of the Legal Unit is to represent the department and its employees in all legal matters arising out of the performance of their duties. During the fiscal year, the department and departmental employees were sued in 10 new major civil cases filed in state and federal courts. The major case docket usually carries approximately 25 major cases total. Also during the fiscal year, the department won most of its major cases as a result of summary judgment. At the end of the fiscal year, one major case was in the process of being settled.

Driver license suspension appeals account for the largest number of cases handled by the Legal Unit. During the fiscal year, the department received a total of 925 new cases and appeared in court for hearings on approximately 1,153 cases. There are approximately 1,500 cases pending at any time throughout the year. These appeals are handled in all 67 counties. The numbers of these appeals continue to increase each year.

In addition to the normal representation of the department, the Legal Unit represents the department in all disciplinary matters involving its employees. Other duties include drafting and reviewing contracts, representing the department before the Board of Adjustment, providing legal advice to the director and other staff members, hearings regarding appeal of the registration of sex offenders, hearings regarding suspension of a driver license due to medical reasons, providing instructors for in-service training, responding to subpoenas, interpreting court orders affecting a driver license record, and handling general correspondence and inquiries from judges, attorneys, other state agencies, as well as the public. At the end of the fiscal year, the unit had 685 pending sex offender cases.

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

The Personnel Unit coordinates and processes all personnel actions in coordination with the State Personnel Department. These actions include appointments, performance appraisals, promotions, leave, on-the-job injuries, FMLA, resignations, administrative hearings, travel orders and service awards. Personnel maintains official personnel files on approximately 1,375 active and 1,200 inactive employees.

This unit coordinates Policy Order No. 100 regarding assignment and training. This policy provides for announcement of vacant law enforcement positions and duties and ensures that equal consideration is provided to all interested employees who meet minimum qualifications. During the fiscal year, 75 positions and nine additional duty assignments were announced.

Projects coordinated by Personnel during the fiscal year include processing and hiring of 94 new troopers; administering an entry-level trooper examination; and coordinating blood pressure and health and fitness programs sponsored by Health Watch, department-sponsored blood drives administered by the American Red Cross, and the 2006 State Employee Combined Charitable Campaign.

Personnel Transactions

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| Administrative Hearings | 8 |
| Annual Raises | 717 |
| Appointments | 306 |
| Deaths | 1 |
| Demotions | 0 |
| Dismissals | 5 |
| Injury in Line of Duty | 13 |
| Medical Examinations | 125 |
| Merit Raises | 5 |

PLANNING AND RESEARCH UNIT

There are 11 employees assigned to the Planning and Research Unit. The unit consists of the Administrative Section; the Fatality Analysis Reporting System, responsible for compiling and analyzing Alabama's fatal traffic crash data; the Grants Section, responsible for researching, writing, administering and monitoring all departmental grants and awards; and the Law Enforcement Liaison Program, responsible for planning, developing, monitoring and implementing statewide initiatives to promote education and enforcement of laws to increase occupant protection usage.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

The Administrative Section is responsible for conducting research into innovative law enforcement techniques and products, evaluating existing programs and policies, updating staffing formulas, developing strategic plans focused on futuristic trends and challenges to public safety, develop, reviewing and maintaining the department's operational policy and procedure manual and its strategic plan. The section also oversees management of departmental grants and agreements and management of the LEL and FARS programs. The section's employees are members of the International Association of Law Enforcement Planners and State Police and Provincial Planner organization.

Highlights of the unit during the fiscal year included:

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| Law enforcement surveys conducted | 25 |
| Law enforcement survey responses | 200 |
| Law enforcement inquiries/requests | 60 |
| Law enforcement inquiries/requests responses | 275 |
| Legislation reviewed | 2 |
| Policies and procedures reviewed/updated | 26 |
| COPS assistance to family members | 2 |
| Special projects from director/assistant director | 5 |

FATALITY ANALYSIS REPORTING SYSTEM

Alabama's Fatality Analysis Reporting System is a calendar-year census of data on all fatal traffic crashes occurring on Alabama roadways. Alabama is part of the FARS network, along with all other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

To be included in FARS statistics, a crash must involve a motor vehicle traveling on a roadway

customarily open to the public and result in the death of a person (a vehicle occupant or non-motorist) within 30 days of the crash.

The deadline for entry of 2005 cases was met on May 15, 2006, and the Alabama Accident Summary was run shortly thereafter. Monthly fatal crash/fatality counts were reported on time.

In October 2005, Alabama FARS personnel attended the FARS 31st Annual System-wide Training in Dallas. Sessions were held to train analysts on changes to the FARS program, the most significant being the inclusion and coding of not-in-transport motor vehicles in FARS cases. FARS supervisors met with the headquarters contract technical manager, who discussed the upcoming FARS cooperative agreement negotiations, which were to occur early in calendar year 2006.

At this conference the states were informed that a new Case Management System and FastFARS are being implemented. FARS headquarters target date for implementation of FastFARS is Jan. 1, 2006. FastFARS is to contain several data elements on every traffic fatality that occurs in Alabama within two weeks of its occurrence and 24 hours after a holiday period. In mid-December 2005, the director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety sent a request, with the proper reporting forms, to all investigating agencies in the state, asking the agencies to send information each day on fatalities worked in their jurisdiction. So far participation by non-DPS agencies has been about 67 percent.

2005 Motor Vehicle Deaths*

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| Fatal Crashes | 1,021 | down 1.4% |
| Deaths | 1,148 | down 0.7% |

*2005 is the latest year for which complete data is available.

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION SECTION

The Grants Administration Section is responsible for development, submittal and administration of all grants and special revenue sources for the Department of Public Safety. Additional duties include, but are not limited to, research and networking with other law enforcement, funding agencies, etc. Grants administrators are professionally trained to present classroom instruction for project directors and other personnel involved in the grants process.

At the end of FY 2006, DPS had approximately 150 grants, interagency agreements, special revenue funds and appropriation requests totaling more than \$65 million. The dollar value of current grants and agreements, including departmental match, totaled more than \$46.3 million. Additional proposals are currently being prepared for FY 2007 and FY 2008 funding.

The mission of the Grants Administration Section is to enable approved programs by researching funding sources, networking appropriately, compiling application materials and raw data, creating proposals, administering approved grants, conducting training for individuals involved in the grant process, managing individual offices in the Grants Administration Section, and maintaining current, professional training for grants administrators.

The Grants Administration Section shares the vision of the department by staying abreast of modern best practices in grants administration and bringing to light opportunities for current funding, programs, and technology to maintain a progressive direction and vitality in action.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/EDUCATION UNIT

The Public Information/Education Unit provides information to the public, media, law enforcement agencies and others concerning departmental operations and all aspects of law enforcement and traffic safety; conducts safety programs and campaigns; is responsible for archives and Headquarters information/security; and recruiting. The department's recruiting officer is assigned to the unit, and PI/E field officers support recruiting efforts by producing and distributing recruiting material, and making individual and group contacts.

The unit produces the annual report, intradepartmental newsletter (The Blue Light), and provides graphic layout and design in the production of departmental forms, manuals, organizational charts and other printed materials. The unit also fields constituent inquiries by responding to all e-mails submitted through Public Safety's Web site.

During the year, PI/E members — in conjunction with other DPS staff, Alabama broadcasters and law enforcement agencies — participated in several AMBER and Missing Child Media Alert child abduction notifications. In the event of an AMBER or Missing Child Media Alert, PI/E is responsible for issuing e-mail notification to statewide media and others. Alabama's AMBER Alert program became operational in June 2003.

PI/E members represented the department at numerous fairs, career days, festivals and other events throughout the year. At the Alabama National Fair in October, unit members staffed a display booth and made hundreds of personal contacts, providing information about the department and its mission and distributing brochures and educational materials designed to inform the public about traffic safety issues, promote departmental initiatives and recruit prospective job applicants.

DPS's "show car," a patrol car customized with assistance of the department's Fleet Maintenance Unit, was featured at a variety of events and safety programs conducted by PI/E officers. The car has proved popular with children and a valuable tool in promoting highway and traffic safety awareness among Alabama's future drivers.

During the year, unit staff coordinated with representatives from other southeastern states to organize a news conference announcing "Zero for 24," an Operation CARE Labor Day safety campaign. The unit assisted with publicity for the campaign, which was successful in achieving its goal of no DUI-related fatalities in the Southeast during the 24-hour Labor Day holiday. PI/E staff also continued publicity and educational efforts for the "Click It or Ticket" safety belt campaign, promoting the program's goal of increased safety belt use through news conferences, news releases, interviews and public service announcements, and distribution of safety literature.

Having ceased regular publication in 2003, The Blue Light was re-established as an online, monthly publication in May 2006. The redesigned newsletter included a variety of topics representing activities and achievements of the department's six divisions and of interest to the department's sworn and nonsworn staff.

During the year the unit issued news releases and coordinated news conferences to inform the public concerning a variety of traffic safety and enforcement initiatives, policy changes and other matters related to Department of Public Safety initiatives. PI/E field officers and headquarters staff were available to respond to subsequent public and media inquiries resulting from these media events and notices. A sampling of news release topics for the year follows:

- ◆ Announcement of accelerated trooper training for POST-certified applicants;
- ◆ Enforcement of highway safety law for intrastate commercial vehicles;

- ◆ New legislation affecting child restraint requirements, and passing of stopped school buses and roadside emergency vehicles.
- ◆ DL office schedule changes/closings resulting from continuing installation of the new licensing system equipment;
- ◆ Weather-related traffic safety and travel advisories;
- ◆ Arrests resulting from driver license fraud, Internet Crimes Against Children and other criminal investigations;
- ◆ Statewide expansion of automated driver license testing;
- ◆ Special enforcement projects by the Highway Patrol Division in construction zones and other targeted high-traffic areas;
- ◆ Traffic safety and enforcement plans for all major holiday travel periods.

RECRUITING

Recruiting is directed by a state trooper lieutenant who is assisted by PI/E officers. The department's recruiter maintains data and provides information to this department and State Personnel on current trooper applicant interest. This unit also provides recruiting brochures and other information on employment opportunities with the Department of Public Safety in response to phone calls, letters, e-mails, and job/career fairs. Recruiting staff attend job/career fairs and career days held by secondary schools and colleges to actively promote the Department of Public Safety with regard to job opportunities and positive public relations. During the fiscal year, the unit responded to 7,206 recruiting contacts, and represented the department at 35 career events attended by 11,471 people.

ARCHIVES AND INFORMATION/SECURITY

The Archives Section maintains and updates archival files for the department. The section monitors two daily newspapers, clipping and filing articles related to departmental operations. Public Information/Education also is responsible for staffing the information/security desk at headquarters and issuing security passes to visitors. The desk receptionist greets and provides information and directions to visitors and constituents at headquarters, and responds to telephone inquiries to the information desk.

PI/E ACTIVITIES

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| Miles Traveled | 206,413 |
| Talks, Traffic Safety/Law Enforcement | 931 |
| Attendance | 43,234 |
| News Releases Distributed Statewide | 34 |
| News Conferences | 4 |
| News Media Interviews | 3,498 |
| Radio and TV Spots Recorded | 867 |
| Radio and TV Programs by Field Officers | 61 |
| Traffic Safety-related Special Details/Hours | 1,783 |
| Driver Improvement Programs | 34 |

STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY UNIT

The Standards and Integrity Unit is responsible for ensuring that departmental resources are used effectively and efficiently, and that Public Safety employees adhere to professional standards as established in the Code of Ethics and DPS and State Personnel rules and regulations. The unit is responsible for conducting internal inspections, and it reviews policies and procedures to ensure accountability and maintain ethical standards. Operating directly under the command of Public Safety's director, the unit also is responsible for internal departmental investigations.

During FY 2006, the Standards and Integrity Unit staff completed the following:

- Inspections 5
- Proactive Investigations 4
- Internal Investigations 15
- Disciplinary Reviews 235
- Use-of-force Reviews 61
- Drug Screenings 395

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY UNIT

During FY 2006, the Equal Opportunity Unit was transferred to the command of the Standards and Integrity Unit. The unit is responsible for conducting fact-finding investigations of alleged misconduct, acts of discrimination or actions that have a detrimental effect upon one's employment or opportunity for employment based upon a violation or restriction of an employee's civil liberty.

During FY 2006, the unit investigated and resolved two cases and has one case pending.

ALABAMA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FY 2005-2006

The Alabama Bureau of Investigation is the investigative division of the Department of Public Safety. The ABI is responsible for conducting criminal and drug investigations, often in support of city, county, state, federal, and foreign law enforcement agencies. ABI provides assistance in crime scene processing, searches, latent print examinations, polygraph examinations, bomb squad services, technical surveillance, hostage negotiation, marijuana eradication, and Internet Crimes Against Children. The Criminal Information Center of the ABI is responsible for the maintenance, storage, analysis, and dissemination of criminal activity information. The CIC also operates the Alabama Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Sex Offender Registry Unit.

HEADQUARTERS

The ABI headquarters, located at the Criminal Justice Center, contains many components that include the command staff and administrative functions. Other services located at ABI headquarters are the Criminal Information Center, which includes the Alabama Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Sex Offender Registry Units; Internet Crimes Against Children Unit; Identification/Latent Prints Unit; Polygraph Unit; Explosive Ordnance Disposal/Technical Services; and Marijuana Eradication Program leaders. The ABI headquarters also continues to host Drug Enforcement Administration personnel assigned to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

The fiscal year brought no significant organizational changes in the structure of command and line agents. The ABI organizational structure has five regionally located investigative areas. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 82 arresting officers and 64 support personnel staffing ABI. The overall total of arresting officers was lower, compared to the previous year, because personnel lost due to retirements and transfers have not all been replaced.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

The Criminal Investigative Service agents are responsible for meeting the challenge of providing the best investigation services in matters of major crimes, conducting specialized investigations, and providing investigative support. They conduct investigations into violations of state and federal laws at the request of various official sources, including the attorney general, district attorneys, police chiefs and sheriffs. The agents and support personnel also assist local, state and federal agencies in a variety of investigative matters.

The ABI agents trained in criminal investigation process crime scenes for evidence, interview suspects or witnesses, conduct searches, and arrest suspects. This, however, is only part of what the agents in the ABI accomplish. There are seven agents who are certified polygraph examiners. These agents conducted 370 polygraph examinations during the fiscal year. Many of these polygraph examinations were part of the thorough trooper applicant background investigations conducted by agents of the ABI. ABI agents also gather intelligence on criminal activities and trends, which is stored in the database of the Criminal Information Center for further analysis.

During FY 2006, ABI agents opened 1,089 criminal investigations, filed 1,473 assistance reports, and generated 429 intelligence reports. The ABI investigations resulted in 555 arrests with 797 criminal charges. ABI agents recovered 40 stolen vehicles valued at \$567,482 and recovered \$368,261 in other stolen property during the fiscal year.

In FY 2006, additional training was received by ABI agents assigned to the Methamphetamine Container Storage Project. This project will allow the collection and safe disposal of hazardous materials and chemical waste encountered in clandestine methamphetamine laboratories in six designated storage container sites around the state of Alabama. The training that was received will allow ABI agents to train officers from other agencies in the handling, cleanup, and transportation of these dangerous substances, reducing the amount of time and manpower required for methamphetamine lab cleanup. This type of cooperation between ABI and local law enforcement agencies will provide a more effective response to the continuing problem of illicit methamphetamine production.

During FY 2006, ABI agents seized the following:

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| Drugs (not including marijuana plants) | \$4,189,830 |
| Vehicles (6) | \$82,075 |
| Weapons (17) | \$3,975 |
| Other Properties | \$1,694,547 |

GULF COAST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA

ABI agents are members of federal drug task forces under the direction of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. One such task force entity is the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, or HIDTA. Four areas of Alabama have been deemed by the DEA to be HIDTA areas. They are Birmingham, Montgomery, Huntsville and Mobile. A HIDTA area is one that has been determined by the DEA to be particularly intense with illegal drug activity. HIDTA offices comprise participating law enforcement officers from federal, state and local agencies in a task-force structure supervised by the DEA. The members focus their efforts on their HIDTA areas to reduce the supply of illegal drugs and arrest those responsible for the distribution. HIDTA also is involved in drug interdiction strategies. The Montgomery HIDTA office is housed within ABI's headquarters.

MARIJUANA ERADICATION

The Department of Public Safety's Marijuana Eradication Unit is tasked with traveling to each county in the state to locate and destroy marijuana plants being covertly cultivated by drug dealers in Alabama. There are currently three teams that visit each county during the growing season. The growing season normally extends from May through October. Each team comprises an ABI team leader and two to three support members. The Alabama National Guard may supply ground team members, as do other law enforcement agencies in the area being worked during a given week. Local law enforcement from each county participates in locating and destroying plants. The three teams are supported by the DPS Trooper Aviation Unit and the 'R.A.I.D.' Unit of the Alabama National Guard. The Marijuana Eradication Program receives funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, to assist in accomplishing this mission.

During the program's 2006 calendar-year season, the marijuana eradication teams located and destroyed 47,896 plants with a street value of \$95.792 million. Four indoor marijuana-growing operations were seized. Both indoor and outdoor growing operations resulted in 78 arrests. During the season, the eradication teams recovered numerous stolen vehicles, ATV's and farm equipment. Two weapons valued at \$5,600 were seized. Two stolen vehicles with an estimated value of \$55,000 were recovered, along with a backhoe and trailer of equipment estimated to be worth \$100,000. During 2006, eradication teams utilized ATV's to assist in searches of wooded areas for bodies in suspected homicide and missing person cases.

INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

CRIMINAL INFORMATION CENTER

The Criminal Information Center comprises criminal analysts and investigative technicians whose primary responsibility is to assist local, state and federal law enforcement officers in their case development and to collect, analyze and disseminate intelligence information needed for case preparation. This unit provides valuable information to the officers in the identification and location of suspects and witnesses for various types of criminal cases using a vast assortment of commercial and government databases. Leads are provided to the officers for follow up, and information is received and stored in the CIC database for future intelligence. CIC has the capability of accessing driver license photographs, driver histories, criminal histories, employment information, and utility and postal information to assist officers in identifying and locating suspects. This unit uses databases such as Autotrack, Accurint, El Paso Intelligence Center, FinCen, Alacourt, revenue files, NCIC, CISA and NICB to query individuals targeted for an investigation. This information can be presented to the agency with reports or through charts and link analysis. During the fiscal year, CIC processed 3,275 assistance requests and 46 intelligence reports, conducted 11,449 record checks on 4,682 individuals, processed three title hits, and retrieved 2,115 driver license photographs.

CIC provides 24-hour coverage for the Safe Schools Hotline, a toll-free number for students, parents or other individuals to report suspicious activity in schools. During this reporting period CIC assisted with 13 such calls.

ALABAMA CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

The Alabama Center for Missing and Exploited Children is the Alabama clearinghouse through the National Center for Missing Children. This unit is housed within the Criminal Information Center and serves as the custodian of information concerning children and other missing persons. The unit works closely with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and networks with personnel in other state and federal agencies to link its capabilities to help locate or identify missing children, adults, or unknown deceased persons. During this fiscal year, 4,489 missing juvenile and 2,443 missing adult cases were reported to law enforcement authorities in Alabama. ACMEC personnel prepared 1,475 photo flyers of victims and unidentified persons to assist local law enforcement agencies in their investigations of these cases. While assisting these agencies, this unit opened 149 cases and was able to close 96 of them.

ACMEC also is responsible for issuing AMBER alerts for the state of Alabama. At the request of local law enforcement agencies, ACMEC received four AMBER Alert requests and five Media Alert requests during the fiscal year.

THE ALABAMA SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The Criminal Information Center is the repository for Alabama's Sex Offender Registry. CIC is required by federal law to maintain a registry of sex offenders within Alabama under the Community Notification Act. Personnel track sex offenders by mailing out address verification letters to the offenders and by working closely with local law enforcement agencies to ensure offenders are not in violation of living or employment restrictions. The unit also works closely with the Department of Corrections, Alabama judicial system, the Attorney General's Office, the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, and other states' sex offender units to notify law enforcement when an offender moves into an area. The database is updated daily and posted to the ABI Web site for public viewing. Currently the sex offender database contains 8,008 registered offenders. This does not include sex offenders convicted out of state or in federal courts who are awaiting a due-process hearing. For FY 2006, the SOR Unit processed 1,076 new offenders, made 2,044 address changes, and mailed out 10,839 flyers and 6,730 letters. The unit also added 274 new out-of-state offenders to Alabama's database and processed 313 mail returns on in-state offenders. In order to retrieve information for other agencies or check on information provided through phone calls or e-mails, the unit performed 7,834 record checks. Unit staff

updated 3,265 records to ensure compatibility with the National Registry.

HAZARDOUS DEVICES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT

The Hazardous Devices and Technical Services Unit is one of ABI's specialized units. The agents assigned to this unit are highly trained, have a great deal of expertise in dealing with all types of hazardous situations, and are charged with a multitude of tasks. They receive intensive training during a six-week course, along with on-the-job training from senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians. They also receive four weeks of training as explosive detection K-9 handlers. Agents attend several courses for technical electronics training and continually maintain their skills by attending numerous training sessions to stay abreast of the latest technical and explosive methods. This training is essential to ensure the safety of the EOD technician and to stay current on improvised explosive device trends.

There are currently six members in the Hazardous Devices Unit, four short of the available positions for the unit. The unit consists of five certified bomb technicians, three explosive K-9s and one unit commander.

Examples of explosive-related training attended this year include Post Blast Investigation, Advance Destruction Techniques, Hazardous Materials courses, Meth Lab courses, K-9 courses, Bomb Tech Recertification, and more. Each member of the unit receives in-house scenario training quarterly, and K-9 handlers are required to train their K-9s weekly.

Examples of technical surveillance training this year include Basic Electronics, Audio-Video Surveillance courses, Video Enhancement training, Surveillance Platform training, GPS Tracking courses, and more.

Duties performed by EOD agents consist of responding to the discovery of improvised explosive devices, responding to the discovery of unused or discarded explosives, and rendering the explosives or explosive devices safe. EOD agents also respond to assist in the arrest, search and prosecution of explosive-related crimes in conjunction with local, state and federal agencies and are trained post-blast investigators by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. EOD agents aided by explosive detection K-9s are responsible for providing security for large-scale events to prevent or detect the surreptitious placement of an explosive device. The EOD agents have been in place during presidential visits, other dignitary visits, collegiate sports events, space and missile conferences, and stock-car racing events. In addition to these duties, EOD agents instruct police officers and fire personnel in the recognition of explosive devices and the duties of first responders to IED events. This has been accomplished through venues such as the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center, the North Alabama Law Enforcement Academy, and classes held at local police departments and fire departments. This year unit members gave presentations to civic and governmental organizations throughout the state, such as the Boy Scouts of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Guard Commanders' Summit, teacher in-service training and more, for the purpose of educating the public to bomb threat response and the services bomb technicians provide. Unit members also are responsible for upkeep and maintenance on EOD and technical service equipment that values well in excess of \$1 million.

Hazardous Devices Unit activity during FY 2006 includes:

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| Recovery of Explosives | 42 |
| Improvised Explosive Devices | 14 |
| Suspicious Packages | 7 |
| Hoax Explosive Devices | 13 |
| Military Explosive/Ordnance | 18 |
| Booby Trap/Meth Lab | 2 |
| Criminal Possession of Explosives | 2 |
| Accidental Explosions | 1 |
| Attempted Bombings | 1 |
| Stolen Explosives | 1 |
| Total Explosive Calls for Service | 101 |
| K-9 Assist Searches | 54 |
| EOD Security Details | 50 |
| Electronic Surveillance/Countermeasures | 43 |
| Hostage Response | 1 |
| Assistance/other Criminal Cases Worked | 49 |
| Training Hours Taught | 100 |
| Training Hours Received | 613 |
| Total Unit Activity: Calls, Assists, Details | 298 |

Other accomplishments of the Hazardous Devices Unit for FY 2006 are the re-establishment of a full-time unit, signing MOUs with the ATF and FBI for EOD response, and going online with the Bomb Data Center's Bomb and Arson Tracking System.

IDENTIFICATION UNIT

CRIMINAL RECORD SECTION

The Criminal Record Section is mandated by the Code of Alabama to maintain fingerprint files on all individuals arrested in Alabama. The trained fingerprint technicians verify the true identity of criminals and applicants from fingerprint records submitted by law enforcement, government and private agencies. This criminal information is provided to law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. The section maintains repeat-offender files, court dispositions, youthful-offender-status records and court-ordered record expungements. The Criminal Record Section received/processed 185,472 criminal fingerprint records.

A sub-section of the Criminal Record Section is the Imaging Section. The Imaging Section scans and stores all applicant/criminal fingerprint cards and documents associated with a specific record.

LATENT PRINT SECTION

The Latent Print Section personnel process crime scenes and crime scene evidence to obtain fingerprint identification of individuals who may have committed the crime. The certified latent print examiners utilize modern techniques and the Automated Fingerprint Identification System to effect positive identifications. The Latent Print Section provides court testimony in state, federal and military courts. It provides training in the science of fingerprints to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. During the fiscal year, Latent Print Section staff assisted agencies by comparing latent prints in 1,393 cases, making 11 court appearances, conducting seven crime scene investigations and 13 training sessions, and effecting 1,118 positive identifications.

RECORD CHECK SECTION

The Record Check Section is mandated by law to provide criminal history information when requested by law enforcement, governmental and private agencies. This section provides important information that is useful to all communities and for those responsible for the safety of children and adults. It is the responsibility of this section to use discriminating judgment, combined with absolute accuracy, when disseminating criminal history information found in ABI files. During the fiscal year this section processed 28,874 background checks, including 3,036 for the Department of Education, 15,614 for the Department of Human Resources, and 809 for other agencies.

AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM SECTION

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System Section utilizes a computer system to analyze, store, match, and retrieve fingerprint images and the matching features of these images. AFIS increases the ability of law enforcement to identify suspects quickly. During the fiscal year 70,680 fingerprint cards were searched through AFIS and Latent's unsolved database. Fingerprint submissions were live-scanned from the Department of Education and various law enforcement agencies.

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

As part of its efforts to make Alabama a safer place for children, the ABI has in place trained personnel who conduct investigative activities related to the detection of sexual offenders who use their computers to prey upon the innocent. The Internet Crimes Against Children program was made possible by a grant received from the U.S. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Crimes committed against children through the use of the Internet are, unfortunately, a growing concern. ABI has trained agents to conduct undercover online investigations, as well as conducting forensic analysis of computers seized by the ABI and other law enforcement agencies. In performing these computer analyses, they retrieve evidence necessary for the prosecution of sexual predators. They frequently attend training schools and seminars to keep pace with rapidly changing technology. The agents also conduct educational efforts for students, teachers and parents to make them aware of the dangers facing children on the Internet. A performance review of ICAC activity follows:

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| Cases Opened | 210 |
| Arrests | 13 |
| Search Warrants | 17 |
| Subpoenas | 44 |
| Consultations | 41 |
| Forensic Examinations | 59 |
| Law Enforcement Trained | 110 |
| Prosecutors Trained | 7 |
| Group Presentations | 357 |
| Number Attendees | 22,354 |
| Public Events | 16 |
| Approximate Attendees | 132,457 |

DRIVER LICENSE DIVISION

FY 2005-2006

The Driver License Division is responsible for testing and keeping records on Alabama's licensed drivers. These records include crash reports, traffic arrest forms, driver license applications and traffic violation convictions. In addition to administering the written and road skills driver license examinations to commercial and noncommercial drivers, the division is responsible for the application of penalties that may result in the revocation or suspension of a driver license.

The Driver License Division, with a staff of 326 at the end of the fiscal year, comprises six units: Division chief and Headquarters staff, Driver License Examining, Driver Improvement, Hearing/Fraud, Information Services, and Safety Responsibility.

DRIVER LICENSE EXAMINING UNIT

Driver License Examining is responsible for the administration of written and road skills testing of driver license applicants. Creation of the permanent driver record begins here. Huntsville, Quad Cities, Dothan, and Mobile examining offices also provide reinstatement services. In addition to administering driver examinations, Examining personnel have been responsible for effecting 3,048 total arrests during the fiscal year, including 636 felony arrests and 2,412 misdemeanor arrests. These arrests are for charges such as failure to appear, felony fraud, forgery, robbery, larceny, child neglect, rape, parole violation, and firearms violations.

Alabama's examiners are the state's first line of defense against persons obtaining a driver license using fraudulent documents. Driver License employs a highly trained and respected cadre of fraudulent document instructors who provide training for other divisions of Public Safety, as well as for other law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

ARRESTS

Driver License personnel come into contact with criminals on a daily basis. Some of these individuals attempt to obtain a driver license or identification card for various reasons. It may be to assume another's identity (identity theft), because they are illegal immigrants, or even to commit acts of terrorism against the United States. Others are wanted persons in connection with various crimes. All Alabama examiners are trained to recognize fraudulent documents and run computer checks to ascertain if there are outstanding warrants on each applicant. They, along with the division's sworn personnel, work hard to ensure that these criminals are identified and arrested.

NOTABLE CASES

- On Oct. 5, 2005, Patricia Ann Kennedy applied for an Alabama license in Abbeville. Examiner I Jessie J. Doster checked the computer and found 12 felony warrants for worthless checks from the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department in Lawrenceville, Ga. Examiner I Phyllis Salter confirmed the warrants, and the subject was arrested and held by the Henry County Sheriff's Department for extradition back to Georgia.
- On Oct. 25, 2005, Cabral Devon Washington applied for reinstatement of his Alabama license in Mobile. Driver License Specialist Sharon Dees checked the computer and found a felony warrant for counterfeiting from the U.S. Secret Service. The subject was transported to Mobile Metro Jail.

- On Nov. 7, 2005, William Wiley applied for an Alabama learner license in Montgomery. Examiner I Elston Henry checked the computer and found a felony warrant for escape from Ohio, where he had been convicted of aggravated murder and robbery. The subject was taken into custody without incident.
- On Dec. 16, 2005, Bill Norman Blanton applied for renewal of his Alabama license in Fort Payne. Examiner I Sharon Brown checked the computer and found 11 felony warrants for breaking and entering a vehicle, theft of property, and fraudulent use of a debit card; and two misdemeanor warrants for failure to appear for theft of property and for no insurance. A Fort Payne police officer arrested him and placed him in the Fort Payne City Jail.
- On Jan. 23, 2006, Lakeity Keller applied for an Alabama license in Birmingham. Examiner I Henrietta Merriweather checked the computer and noticed the applicant's physical characteristics were different from the Tennessee license, Tennessee birth certificate, and the Social Security card he presented. Sgt. Tommy Laird interviewed the subject and arrested him for forgery. The subject was placed in the Jefferson County Jail with no bond. It was learned that Keller used identification documents connected to an alleged identity theft scam investigation in Chattanooga, and the true owner of the documents had filed a report with the Chattanooga Police Department claiming to be the victim of an identity theft scam. The individual had responded to advertisements announcing job interviews for employment with "Def Jam" nightclubs to be opened in Nashville, Atlanta and Miami. He went to a Chattanooga hotel to apply for one of the jobs and provided his driver license, birth certificate and Social Security card. There were no nightclub jobs, however; and the subject conducting the "interviews" collected identification from more than 100 applicants before disappearing.
- On Feb. 17, 2006, Jeremiah Lee applied for an Alabama ID card in Mobile. He presented an Alabama birth certificate and Social Security card in the name of Brian Thrash. Cpl. Lawrence Goff arrested the subject and charged him with illegal possession of a credit card and transported him to the Mobile Metro Jail, where he revealed his true identity. It was found he was wanted on two charges of attempted murder, one count of lewd conduct, one count of assault, and six fraud warrants from Jefferson County.
- On March 8, 2006, Albert Earl Tuner III applied for renewal of his Alabama license in Mobile. After failing the vision screening, the subject offered Examiner I James VanHoosen \$20. VanHoosen advised Cpl. Lawrence Goff, who arrested the subject and charged him with bribery of a public servant, a Class C felony.
- On March 2, 2006, Billy Ray Reeves applied for reinstatement in Dothan. Examiner I Theresa Daniels checked the computer and found 25 warrants for fraud from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. Cpl. Jessie L. Williams confirmed the warrants and detained the subject until a Coffee County deputy arrived.
- On April 19, 2006, Donya Antwon Davis applied for an ID card in Huntsville. Examiner I Dianne Chapman checked the computer and found felony warrants from Detroit for carjacking, criminal sexual assault, felon in possession of a firearm, armed robbery and for habitual felon. Fraud Investigator Tpr. Joel Baker arrested him and placed him in the Madison County Jail until Detroit could extradite.
- On Sept. 1, 2006, Cynthia Joyce Greene applied for reinstatement in Sheffield. Driver License Specialist Mary Ann Howard checked the computer and found 21 felony warrants from Madison County for larceny, possession of a forged instrument, obstructing justice and theft of property from the Madison County Sheriff's Department. She was held pending return to Madison County.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the year, 17 missing/endangered persons were recovered by Driver License Division examining personnel.

The Driver License Division received a \$1 million grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to purchase automated testing equipment. This allowed the division to eliminate the use of paper tests and to offer automated testing at every site in the state. Test security has been vastly improved, and the randomized test questions ensure applicants have learned the material and not simply memorized it.

A second grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will be used to purchase a document imaging system that will consolidate all imaging systems in the division into a single system with a standardized database.

The Commercial Driver License Examining Unit conducted two sessions of the Commercial Driver License Training Course for the new examiners hired during this year.

Numerous driver license offices around the state were closed approximately 320 days, affecting 7,369 applicants. These closings were due to personnel shortages, employee leave, and weather.

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT UNIT

This unit is responsible for the suspension, revocation, and cancellation of driving privileges, as well as the reinstatement of licenses. The unit also maintains all crash reports, coding of citations and crash reports for entry onto the motor vehicle record, and microfilming of all paper relating to the same.

It has been a productive year for the Reinstatement Unit. Due to improved speed in the CRS System, Reinstatement personnel are now able to process many more reinstatements than before. This was accomplished by deleting reinstatement data older than one year. Of particular note:

- 10 district Reinstatement offices are fielding their own telephone calls in their areas of the state.
- 28,354 walk-in customers received service by the Reinstatement, Accident Records and Driver Improvement units at Headquarters.
- 145,330 telephone calls were answered by Driver Improvement, Reinstatement, Driver Services, Accident Records and Records units; 119,278 calls went unanswered.
- 37,380 abstracts were processed for courts and other law enforcement agencies.
- 1,960 felony DUI's were processed by the Records Unit, as well as 345 homicide reports; 291,630 traffic tickets were received, coded and processed.
- 127,297 accident reports were coded and processed.

MONIES COLLECTED

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| Reinst. fees (vessel) | 11 | @ \$50 | \$550 |
| Drug fees | 5,759 | @ \$25 | \$143,975 |
| 2nd Clearance letter | 493 | @ \$5 | \$2,465 |
| MVR's | 27,940 | @ \$5.75 | \$160,655 |
| Accident reports | 38,506 | @ \$15 | \$577,590 |
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| New fees collected | | | |
| Drug/alcohol | 15,461 | @ \$275 | \$4,251,775 |
| Non-drug/alcohol | 2,110 | @ \$175 | \$369,250 |
| Regular fee | 33,882 | @ \$100 | \$3,388,200 |
| Late fee | 32,100 | @ \$50 | \$1,605,000 |
| Postage | 15,221 | @ \$3 | \$45,663 |
| Total collected | | | \$10,545,123 |

DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES

Driver License Services provides driver license information to units within the department, other law enforcement agencies and the general public. This unit consists of five sections: Administrative, Microfilming/scanning/processing, Microfilm Retrieval, Phone Services, and the Department Mailroom. Eight employees staff the five sections.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Driver License data base statistics at the end of the fiscal year total the following:

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| Drivers | 4,634,533 |
| Identification Cards | 671,621 |
| File Numbers | 196,827 |
| Total Database | 5,502,981 |

This unit continues to be responsible for ordering and distributing Alabama Driver License Manuals, Alabama Commercial Driver License Manuals, Alabama Motorcycle Manuals and Alabama Boaters Manuals. These manuals are distributed to driver license offices, probate and license commissioner offices and driver education classes throughout the state. These manuals also are available on the department's public Web site.

DRIVER RECORDS

During the past 11 months this office has deposited in the state Treasury \$8,617,691.75 for the sale of 1,498,729 driver records processed online or received through the mail and fax.

DRIVER LICENSE MAILING SYSTEM

Since October 2005, Driver License Services re-mailed 3,003 of 17,414 driver licenses returned by the U.S. Postal Service for reasons as no such number, attempted not known, insufficient address, moved and unknown at this address. Since October 2005, a total of 2,982 licenses have been reprinted and mailed to Alabama licensees.

The unit completed the Bureau of Census quarterly tax survey and FHWA form 562 for the Alabama Department of Transportation report on the number and age of driver licenses issued.

MAILING SERVICE CONTRACT

An estimated 191,454 driver license suspension, cancellation and revocation notices will be mailed this year. A 12-month mailing service contract has been established with an option to extend for a second and third 12-month period with the same pricing.

MICROFILMING/SCANNING/PROCESSING SECTION

This section microfilms and scans documents that build and support a driver record using the Software Finesse custom-written application. The Kodak DP scanner imprints a 10-digit number on the document which is sent to data entry, where the imprint number is placed in the mainframe on the driver record. This data is stored on a server.

These documents consist of driver license applications and non-driver identification applications and attachments, uniform traffic citations, failure to appear notices, clearance letters, AST 60's, hearing requests and results, correspondence, financial responsibility filings and cancellations. This section microfilms and scans documents received from the district reinstatement offices. Other documents microfilmed include license-received documents, name changes, date of birth and address documents, deceased documentation, out-of-state status documentation, and out-of-state renewal and duplicate requests.

MICROFILM RETRIEVAL SECTION

This section retrieves an average of 147 microfilm rolls each week for copying and scanning documents in order to provide driver license information to requestors.

This section has an imaging system PC and can receive such inquiries and make such inquiries available through e-mail, fax and printing directly from the PC.

PHONE SECTION

This section, staffed by one employee, is responsible for answering calls from members of the public who fail to receive their Alabama driver license or non-driver ID card via postal mail.

DEPARTMENT MAILROOM

The Department of Public Safety maintains a DPS Mailroom within the Driver License Division to handle incoming and outgoing postal and hand-delivered mail for the department. Despite the increase in electronic communications, the volume of mail continues to rise, and the DPS Mailroom processes in excess of 35,000 pieces of mail each month

Two employees staff this section. A new warehouse worker position was established to load and unload driver license printed materials and handle distribution of these materials; to maintain inventory of printed materials; to fill printed supply orders; and to perform daily mailroom duties as needed.

Personnel in this unit were assigned personal computers which are used to receive printed driver license supply orders from the field; design and implement a spreadsheet to enter daily certified, registered and express mail received; order shipping supplies; make needed service calls; and complete time sheets.

Personnel in this section are responsible for collecting all materials containing confidential information for destruction. A followed schedule of contracted services completely destroys documents beyond recognition.

HEARING/FRAUD UNIT

The Hearing/Fraud Unit is supervised by a lieutenant who reports to the division chief. The Hearing/Fraud Unit arresting officers are a trooper lieutenant, a corporal, and 16 troopers. There are 11 hearing officers and five fraud investigators. The five fraud investigators' immediate supervisor is a corporal. Personnel supporting the unit's mission are an investigative technician II, an investigative technician I, an ASA II, an ASA I, and two clerical aides. One hearing officer, assigned to Montgomery, was deployed to Iraq during the fiscal year.

The trooper investigators assigned to this unit aggressively pursue and prosecute persons who violate the laws of this state and nation by perpetrating fraud and forgery in the attempted acquisition of a driver license. Many of these arrests result in the prosecution of multiple felony or misdemeanor violations, ranging from violent crimes against persons to violations of Immigration and Customs Enforcement laws.

During this past year, the Fraud Section conducted more than 400 fraud investigations, resulting in approximately 143 fraud-related felony arrests and approximately 200 fraud-related misdemeanor arrests. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 142 ongoing fraud investigations. In addition, the arresting officers of this unit made 16 arrests pursuant to federal immigration laws. The investigative technicians, supporting both the hearing officers and fraud investigators, were taking administrative actions on 30 cases at the end of the fiscal year.

A troopers assigned to the unit have received specialized training in Immigration and Customs Enforcement, fraud detection and prosecution, and specialized document recognition training. All are equipped with specialized tools which allow them to perform their duties in an efficient and effective manner.

Unit personnel:

- Supervised a toll-free number established to assist Hurricane Katrina victims with Driver License concerns, processing more than 2,500 calls from evacuees and assisting in recovering two missing persons, arresting two sex offenders and one wanted person.
- Held two fraudulent document training classes for outside law enforcement agencies.
- Were recognized by the Alabama Bankers Association with "Outstanding Trooper of the Quarter" awards during the year.

The Hearing Section comprises 11 hearing officers. They are supervised directly by the unit's commander and are tasked with conducting administrative hearings and fraud investigations. They conducted more than 4,000 hearings, including approximately 700 administrative per se hearings. All per se hearings are held within the 30-day period required by law.

In addition to the fraud-related arrests or assists, hearing officers made 43 felony arrests, 143 misdemeanor arrests, arrests for DUI, and approximately 400 traffic arrests. The hearing officers routinely work traffic crashes in their vicinity and provide assistance to motorists.

The Hearing/Fraud Unit receives approximately 200-300 AST 60's per day, all of which are processed as received. The unit's manual is being updated to bring the terminology and procedures in line with the law and legal procedures. The unit is conducting training meetings quarterly to share information, update procedures and ensure unity of effort.

INFORMATION SERVICES

This unit serves the department statewide in support of all computer functions. Its 50 employees are responsible for hardware and software support, mainframe and PC development, network support, computer operations, and data entry. Two new programmer analysts were slated for hiring to work on the mainframe conversion project, as well as to provide support for all mainframe programs and databases.

Major projects include:

- Rewriting the Driver License Reinstatement System, which is five years old and has had problems in credit card processing and with the Oracle database.
- Implementation of a new ABI case management system to replace the LEADS system.
- Implementation of Alabama's digital driver license issuing system, the contract for which was awarded to Digimarc ID Corporation in December 2003. Although the system initially was behind schedule and experienced various problems in the server and external databases maintained by other vendors, it has been operating at a consistently normal state.
- Implementation of a computer replacement policy and identification of approximately 450 computers that would need to be replaced during the next three years, consistent with the policy, should funding allow.
- Alteration of the driver license issuance system to include the capability of designating a licensee's status as a convicted sex offender.
- Revision and replacement of the computerized reinstatement system credit card software module by a vendor who will provide the new process.

DATA ENTRY

During the year, there were no backlogs of any DPS documents, and all documents were processed upon receipt. In addition to the documents processed below, this unit also entered the following online documents:

22,700 Safety Responsibility Claims

2,720 Address Changes

1,265 Deceased Status Changes

On the DCR program, the data entry unit keyed 664,842 documents. The individual applications are listed below:

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| Accident Reports | 134,851 |
| Uniform Traffic Citations | 197,562 |
| SR-13 Reports | 126,723 |
| Motor Vehicle Records | 15,731 |
| Status Reports | 45,567 |
| Failure to Appear | 63,952 |
| Failure to Pay | 29,129 |
| DL2, DL14, DL21 and CDL2 | 51,327 |

COMPUTER OPERATIONS

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| Alabama driver license and ID cards issued under the ADLIS system, printed and mailed by Digimarc | 197,064 |
| DL expiration notices printed and mailed (renewal cards) | 230,620 |
| Complete driver records processed | 35,284 |
| Motor vehicle reports processed (in-house batch) | 18,201 |
| Alabama CDL state-of-record changes processed in CDLIS | 4,021 |
| Alabama commercial driver pointers added to CDLIS | 8,322 |
| Alabama convictions sent electronically via CDLIS to other states | 9,282 |
| Alabama problem drivers added to PDPS (NDR) database | 50,826 |
| Accident reports processed | 127,678 |
| Uniform traffic citations/convictions processed | 478,610 |
| Failure to appear in court transactions processed | 128,655 |
| Failure to pay court fine transactions processed | 29,572 |
| Safety Responsibility SR13 transactions processed | 116,364 |
| Removal notices generated, transmitted to High Cotton for mailing | 175,454 |

The ADLIS/DL Coordinator Help Desk handled more than 34,555 trouble calls in support of ADLIS and Digimarc hardware and software issues.

COMPUTER SUPPORT

During the fiscal year, the unit:

- Hired one senior technician and four technicians to implement Highway Patrol's MDT project, and to support it after implementation.
- Received 100 Toughbooks with printers and in-car docks for Highway Patrol units; installed 100 at the ACJTC for troopers from Montgomery, Mobile, Dothan, Evergreen, Decatur, Huntsville, Quad Cities, Jacksonville, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Alex City, Selma, Hamilton, and Opelika posts, as well as headquarters.
- Ordered 68 Toughbooks systems for Motor Carrier Safety and 265 for the remaining units in Highway Patrol.
- Installed 11 laptops with docking stations for Driver License hearing officers.
- Purchased and installed 40 computer backup devices throughout the ABI division.
- Set up and installed eight computers and an overhead projector system in the ABI Computer Forensics Training Lab.
- Relocated all of ABI's computers and server in Mobile to a new office; relocated computer equipment in the Mobile Driver License office as part of a renovation project, and moved the Opelika Driver License equipment into new office space.
- Re-cabled the Eufaula ABI office.

PROJECTS COMPLETED (PC AND MAINFRAME-DEVELOPED)

- Upgraded the entire DMZ and public Web sites to Windows Server 2003 and migrated all external Web applications and interfaces. Created a new public Web site (<http://community.dps.state.al.us>), that is the central portal for viewing all Amber alerts, fugitives, sex offenders, and missing and exploited children and adults.
- Created a public Web site to allow citizens to post a memorial for family members who have died on Alabama roadways. This request was initiated from the colonel. The Web site address is <http://www.dps.state.al.us/memorial/>.
- The remaining DARTS applications were rewritten to run on SafetyNet: AST, DL Examiner, and Vehicle Cost. The rewrite of these applications significantly reduces the amount of IT support by DPS by reducing the need to deploy technicians to troubleshoot or reload failed DARTS installations on the local machine. All of the applications are now centrally managed by the client/server development staff.
- Added fields to the driver database for the requirements mandated by MCSIA and an additional 150 offense codes and 60 new removal reasons as required for accomplishing MCSIA requirements.
- Completed all the requirements for CDLIS for MCSIA compliance, passed the tests for certification of the MCSIA changes, and were awaiting the results of the test for new status code changes for final certification.
- Completed the conversion from a biweekly to a semi-monthly pay schedule; processed a cost-of-living raise and a trooper raise.
- Completed a program to link removals within their corresponding tickets on all removals which occurred after Oct. 31, 2005.
- Worked with Digimarc on the new 10-year history check requirement design for MCSIA; completed the UNI conversion from NCS software to CS II software.

NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND USER SUPPORT

Hardware and software purchases were made to replace the existing NT4 infrastructure. Network Support personnel followed up by installing the new hardware and software implementing a Microsoft Windows 2003 Active Directory Domain in the department. The migration of the users from the existing NT4 infrastructure to the new Windows 2003 Active Directory Domain is planned.

Two Network Support staff implemented a SAN for the department, providing an additional 8.7 terabytes of storage for departmental data. In addition to the SAN, a tape autoloader containing six LTO2 Drives and slots for 60 tapes was implemented, which allows data on the SAN to be backed up.

A restructuring of the state's network topology occurred. File servers were purchased for the regional offices as part of this restructuring. Having file servers in each region will allow faster access to the department's network, Internet and file storage. Network infrastructure changes have been made, and the regional file servers are slated to be installed in the coming months. All data stored on the regional servers will be synchronized to a storage location on the department's SAN for offsite backup of the regional server's data.

Network Support staff implemented the imaging software on a new server in the 2003 Active Directory Domain, with storage for the images being placed on the department's SAN. Sex offender and missing persons files will be stored in the image system for easy retrieval. One of the major benefits of using the imaging system is that Network Support ensures the images are backed up each night and stored off site, allowing for full recovery in a disaster.

A technology life cycle plan was developed for the department, which calls for all departmental servers to be replaced every five years. Developing this life cycle policy will allow for easier budgeting and planning in the future.

Network Support staff continue to support the 50+ servers under their watch, ensuring that systems remain operational, data is in a recoverable state, departmental backups are transferred off site, security updates are applied, and security accounts and access requests are met on a daily basis. Network Support staff continue to remain on call around the clock for systems deemed critical.

SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY UNIT

Safety Responsibility is charged with coding SR13 crash reports, SR22 mandatory insurance filings, SR21 insurance verifications, SR 26 insurance cancellations, SR40 insurance correspondence, and daily correspondence regarding safety responsibility matters.

The Safety Responsibility Unit processed the following:

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| • SR-13s accident report filings | 160,707 |
| • SR-21 insurance verification report | 4,021 |
| • SR-22 (mandatory insurance) | 33,160 |
| • SR-26 cancellation of SR-22 insurance | 31,205 |
| • Releases of liability from accident damages | 727 |
| • Status reports submitted to insurance companies | 1,928 |
| • Civil court judgments filed against responsible parties | 2,586 |
| • Claims filed by injured party as the result of an accident | 15,576 |
| • Hearing file reviews | 194 |
| • Appeals from circuit court | 3 |
| • Security received for accident claims | \$407,843.19 |
| • Security disbursed | \$301,537.32 |

It is the unit's goal to attain the ability to scan all documents received, replacing the current system of microfilming. This project is in the planning stages.

MEDICAL SECTION

During the past fiscal year, the Medical Section processed 34,228 documents, answered 22,813 phone calls, and processed 505 walk-in customers. A total of 104,159 current documents and 397,224 backlogged documents were scanned into the system this fiscal year, and the unit reviewed 50,731 files.

Although vacant positions in the unit remain, the hiring of additional personnel has allowed the Medical Unit to eliminate a large existing backlog. The unit supervisor attended 12 medical hearings during the fiscal year.

As required by state law, there was a meeting of the Medical Advisory Board Nov. 13, 2005. A total of 18 doctors with expertise in various fields comprise this board, and 11 attended the meeting. Some of the topics discussed were the use of bioptic lenses, re-evaluating elderly drivers, vision retesting, HIPPA issues, and revising or eliminating the pulmonary form.

HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION

FY 2005-2006

The Highway Patrol Division comprises six Highway Patrol troops made up of 18 Highway Patrol posts and communications centers. It is the largest of the six divisions that form the Department of Public Safety, accounting for approximately 65 percent of the total number of arresting officers in the department.

HEADQUARTERS

The Highway Patrol Division Headquarters staff consists of 12 arresting officers and two administrative support personnel. These staff personnel oversee and coordinate all Highway Patrol Division activities and operations throughout the state. Functions of the Highway Patrol Division include Motor Carrier Safety, Communications, Traffic Homicide Investigations, Felony Apprehension Patrol, the K-9 Unit, the Motorcycle Unit, the Tactical Teams and Special Operations Units, Training and Career Development, Grants Administration and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

HIGHWAY PATROL

Highway Patrol Division troopers patrol approximately 69,465 miles of rural roadways in the state's 67 counties. During the fiscal year, Highway Patrol troopers worked approximately 884,086 hours and traveled 12.5 million miles in the performance of their duties. They recorded approximately 615,000 motorist contacts, up 139,000 from the previous year. During the fiscal year, HP troopers made 367,295 arrests, an increase of 106,556 compared with FY 2004-2005.

During FY 2005-06, troopers participated in numerous extra-duty enforcement programs. The Construction Zone Traffic Control Program continued to operate, allowing troopers to work extra-duty hours enforcing traffic laws in construction zones throughout the state for the safety and protection of the Alabama Department of Transportation and other construction zone workers. This and other projects are funded primarily through grants received from ALDOT. Other extra-duty projects, such as "7DOT" and "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program," are aimed at reducing crashes and fatalities by targeting key sections of roadway where statistics have shown a higher incidence of traffic crashes and violations. These programs are the result of a coordinated traffic safety effort involving the Department of Public Safety, ALDOT and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, which also provides funding for traffic safety programs.

HP division troopers participated in numerous high profile traffic enforcement details during the year. These include the Talladega races, Mardi Gras parades in Mobile, the University of Alabama and Auburn football games, the Footwash detail in Hale County, the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Act Commemorative March, and the Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride in north Alabama.

Troopers assigned to the HP Special Operations and Tactical units also were called upon for special assignments involving natural disasters. During October 2005, troopers were deployed to the southern areas of the state for hurricane relief efforts after hurricane Katrina damaged much of south Alabama and Mississippi coastal regions.

HIGHWAY PATROL ACTIVITY FY 2005-2006

| | 2005-2006 | Change (+/-) from FY 2004-2005 |
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| Miles Traveled | 14,468,524 | +785,744 |
| Routine | 13,291,884 | +376,793 |
| Overtime | 1,176,640 | +408,951 |
| Duty Hours | 884,086 | +23,168 |
| Routine | 624,482 | -38,756 |
| Other | 259,604 | +61,924 |
| Motorist Contacts | 615,006 | +139,039 |
| Hazardous Arrests | 270,363 | +81,540 |
| Non-hazardous Arrests | 85,516 | +24,616 |
| Incident/Offense Reports | 6,172 | +765 |
| Inspections | 33,088 | +12,096 |
| Warnings Issued | 155,409 | +18,489 |
| Motorists Assisted | 26,962 | +242 |
| Accidents Investigated | 37,496 | 1,291 |
| Arrests/Citations Issued | 367,295 | +106,556 |
| Speeding | 161,998 | +57,208 |
| D.U.I. | 4,942 | +247 |
| No Driver License | 9,489 | +2,594 |
| Driving While License | | |
| Revoked/Suspended | 13,458 | +2,442 |
| Improper Tag | 2,923 | +662 |
| Child Restraint | 2,463 | +761 |
| Seatbelt | 56,718 | +11,210 |
| Liability Insurance | 41,124 | +16,313 |
| All Other Arrests | 74,180 | +15,119 |
| DL and Equipment | | |
| Checkpoints | 650 | +15 |
| Traffic Homicide | | |
| Investigations | 311 | -35 |
| Troopers Assaulted | | |

FELONY APPREHENSION PATROL UNIT

The Felony Awareness Patrol Unit comprises nine Highway Patrol Division personnel assigned to interstate patrol and one assigned to the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force. Ten drug-trained K-9 officers also are attached to the unit. During the fiscal year, approximately two dozen other HP Division personnel participated in FAP/Criminal Patrol details held throughout the state.

During the fiscal year the FAP Unit was responsible for the following drug and currency seizures, which

resulted in criminal charges of trafficking and/or distribution of illegal narcotics.

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| Marijuana | 1,274.5 lbs. |
| Cocaine | 96.4 lbs. |
| Prescription drugs | 939 units |
| U.S. currency | \$2,863,669 |

HONOR GUARD

The State Trooper Honor Guard Unit comprises 37 arresting officers from the Highway Patrol, Driver License, Administrative, Service and Protective Services divisions of the Department of Public Safety. These officers voluntarily serve as members of the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard includes a bagpipe player, a trumpet player and a drummer.

The Honor Guard performs ceremonial functions at funerals services, graduation ceremonies, promotional ceremonies and other special events as approved. During the fiscal year the Honor Guard performed nine funerals and four color postings.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY UNIT

The Motor Carrier Safety Unit is responsible for enforcement of and compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (CFR49), codified in Title 32-9A by the 1998 Motor Carrier Safety Act.

The unit's goal is to reduce the number of traffic crashes involving commercial vehicles, thereby reducing the associated injuries and fatalities. To facilitate achievement of this goal, the unit performs the following programs:

- Monthly strike force saturation details in high-crash areas;
- Bus inspection details;
- Haz/mat inspection details;
- Felony Apprehension Patrol details;
- Safety audits of new carriers;
- Compliance reviews;
- Carrier-based training;
- Hours of service training (log book);
- Preventative maintenance;
- Site security (haz/mat).

The unit is staffed with 53 arresting officers and nine nonsworn personnel. A captain, one lieutenant, four sergeants, and nine corporals make up the supervisory staff. All arresting officers are qualified to perform North American Level One roadside inspections. Four are qualified to perform carrier compliance reviews, five are qualified to perform safety reviews on new carriers, and one corporal performs additional duties as training coordinator.

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program involves 76 additional Highway Patrol troopers. Although not assigned to the Motor Carrier Unit, these troopers conduct roadside inspections following a stop of a commercial motor vehicle for a traffic violation. Twenty-one local police departments, along with the Alabama Public Service Commission, provide 80 officers throughout the state to assist in performing roadside inspections. The CVE and the Local Agency Programs are monitored by the Motor Carrier Safety Unit.

The Motor Carrier Safety Unit also is responsible for the enforcement of size and weight laws found in Title 32-9-20. This task falls to 14 weight enforcement troopers. The ability to weigh individual axles to find and cite violators reduces the incidence of overweight trucks, makes roadways safer for all motorists, and prevents the destruction of road surfaces.

MCSU/CVE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY FOR FY 05-06

| | MCSU | CVE | TOTALS |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| TOTAL INSPECTIONS | 29,016 | 3,443 | 32,459 |
| Intrastate | 5,000 | 666 | 5,666 |
| Interstate | 24,016 | 2,777 | 26,793 |
| TOTAL VIOLATIONS | 79,920 | 12,952 | 92,872 |
| Trucks | 50,022 | 9,098 | 59,120 |
| Buses | 454 | 0 | 454 |
| Haz/mat | 427 | 0 | 427 |
| Drivers | 29,017 | 3,854 | 32,871 |
| VEHICLES PLACED OOS | 5,915 | 632 | 6,547 |
| Haz/mat | 131 | 1 | 132 |
| Non Haz/mat | 5,760 | 631 | 6,391 |
| Buses | 24 | 0 | 24 |

ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH INSPECTIONS:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Alcohol/controlled Substance Check | 7 |
| Drug Interdiction Searches | 6 |
| Drug Interdiction Arrests | 2 |
| Size and Weight Enforcement | 3,193 |
| Traffic Enforcement | 2,337 |

WEIGHT DETAIL ACTIVITY:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Total Trucks Weighed | 949,084 |
| Platform Scales | 123,433 |
| Portable Scales | 46,595 |
| Weight in Motion Scales | 779,056 |

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| TOTAL ARRESTS | 11,321 |
| Axle Weight Violation | 3,801 |
| Gross Weight Violation | 6,812 |
| Other arrests | 708 |

MOTORCYCLE UNIT

The Motorcycle Unit is composed of 18 Highway Patrol Division personnel and two training center staff members. During the fiscal year, the unit participated in both Talladega Race details, the Mardi Gras parades in Mobile, the Trail of Tears Commemorative Ride in north Alabama, and the Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit. The Motorcycle Unit also participated in several local details such as football games, Christmas parades and numerous special events. During 2006, six additional motormen were trained by departmental personnel as motor officers.

STATE TROOPER RESERVES

The Alabama State Trooper Auxiliary was formed by Gov. Lurleen Wallace and Col. C.W. Russell in 1967, to augment the arresting officer ranks. In 1978, the auxiliary troopers were reorganized under legislative act and became reserve troopers. They undergo training at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma, take the same oath as state troopers, and serve under the direction of the director of Public Safety, the Highway Patrol Division chief, and other supervisors through the chain of command.

Reserve troopers augment and assist the state trooper force in the performance of their trooper duties, as well as during special events, disasters and other emergencies.

Currently the reserve trooper force consists of seven members statewide. During the fiscal year these reserve troopers provided more than 2,000 hours of assistance to the department.

During the past year members of the reserve trooper force participated in and assisted with routine Highway Patrol operations, including the Talladega Races, traffic control at the Alabama and Auburn football games, various Motor Carrier Safety details, the Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride in north Alabama, tornado damage details, dignitary protection details, search and rescue operations, Mardi Gras parade traffic enforcement, and radio communications. Two of their members also serve as bagpipe players for the Honor Guard.

TRAFFIC HOMICIDE UNIT

The Alabama Department of Public Safety Traffic Homicide Unit comprises 81 investigators. These troopers are members of the Highway Patrol Division and, in addition to their regular duties, have advanced training in the field of traffic crash reconstruction. In accordance with division policy, these troopers conduct detailed investigations of serious crashes where death or serious injury has resulted and the potential for criminal charges exists. During 2006, the unit investigated 296 fatal crashes. Unit members also were assigned to provide technical assistance and crash reconstruction expertise to other police agencies, conducting 76 investigation assists.

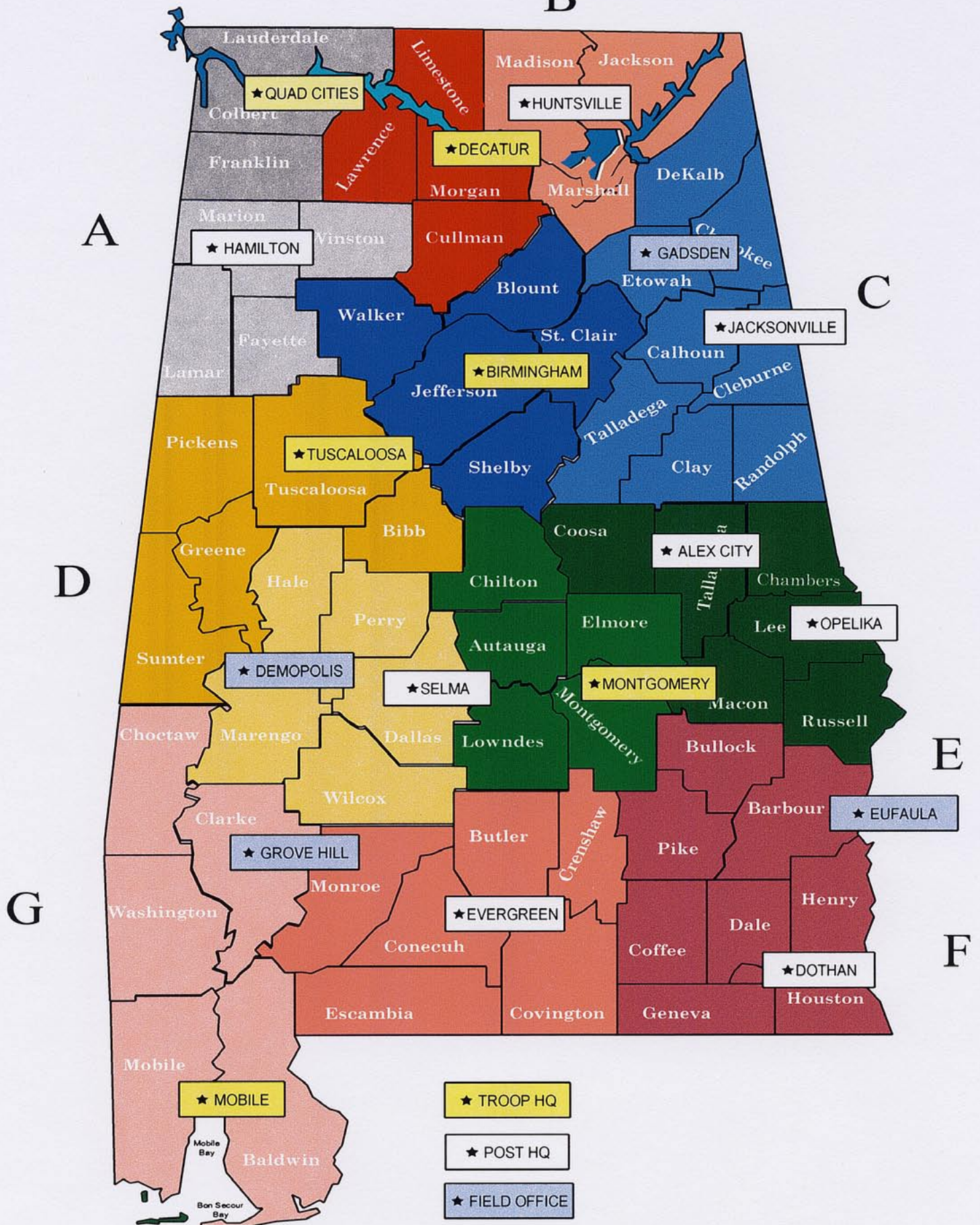
Members of the unit are trained in the latest techniques of traffic crash investigation and reconstruction. The unit utilizes the latest technology in mapping and diagramming of crash scenes for use in interpreting facts through the use of scale diagrams. All investigators are trained in advanced digital photography techniques to ensure accurate preservation of evidence at crash scenes. To ensure that investigative skills are kept up to date, in-service training is an ongoing process. During the last calendar year, unit members received additional training in forensic crash scene mapping.

The use of detailed scene maps allows investigators to calculate speeds of the involved vehicles; locations of the vehicles at any point before, during or after crashes; and, in most cases, the cause of the crash. The unit also utilizes the latest technology in retrieving the air bag module information through the use of the Crash Data Retrieval System. The system records the crash data, including vehicle speed, engine speed, throttle position, brake status, seat belt status and more.

During the fiscal year, the Traffic Homicide Unit presented its two-week traffic homicide investigation course and allowed officers from outside agencies to attend. Seventeen municipal officers from Alabama police agencies received this training.

HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPS / POSTS / FIELD OFFICES

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PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

FY 2005-2006

The Protective Services Division is responsible for providing general law enforcement/police services for all state facilities, buildings, and other designated properties (primarily within the Capitol complex in Montgomery), as mandated by §32-2-100, Code of Alabama, 1975; providing for the protection of certain state officers and visitors to the state as mandated by §36-33-1, et. Seq. Code of Alabama, 1975; and fulfilling numerous related duties. These include homeland security initiatives, threat assessments and related operational/response planning, intelligence gathering and analysis, and investigation of persons of interest and/or those who have made threats against public officials/facilities. Additionally, a large function of the Protective Services Division is to aid and assist other law enforcement agencies in matters of concurrent jurisdiction, mutual interest, or upon request for such assistance.

HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters staff of the Protective Services Division coordinates and oversees operations of the division, and routinely augments units and sub-units of the division to ensure completion of required missions and to aid in providing efficient, professional services.

Members of Protective Services headquarters staff, along with members of the department's Legal Unit and Administrative Division, serve in the capacity of legislative liaison to the Alabama Legislature. This function includes the review of proposed matters of legislation and administrative procedure proposals, including the impact on Public Safety, and testifying before legislative committees concerning such matters per these reviews. Members provide weekly, written reviews of legislation to the Governor's Office as requested. This process serves to foster professional relationships between Public Safety and the Alabama Legislature and ensures accurate information is communicated for use in budget planning and other related areas.

During FY 2005-2006, ownership and responsibility for a closed-circuit television system, which monitors approximately 200 locations within the Capitol complex, were transferred to Public Safety from the Department of Finance. An employee – a security systems operator – also was incorporated into this transfer.

The system transfer, evidenced by a memorandum of understanding between the two agencies, provides funding for system maintenance/repair by the Department of Finance through Sept. 30, 2007, at which time Public Safety assumes sole financial responsibility.

DIGNITARY PROTECTION

The Dignitary Protection Unit is responsible for the security and protection of certain state officials and visitors. Specifically, the unit provides protection for the governor and family (from date of election, throughout term of office, and for five years after leaving office), for the lieutenant governor, for the president pro-tem of the Alabama Senate, for the speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, and for the attorney general.

The unit also is charged with providing protection for the successful candidate for each of the above-referenced offices subsequent to the results of elections held to determine the respective successors (i.e., lieutenant governor-elect, attorney general-elect, etc.).

The Dignitary Protection Unit also provides varying levels of security and protection for any other persons as designated by the governor or the director of Public Safety, and assists other agencies (e.g., U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. State Department, etc.), via protection assistance, sharing of intelligence related to perceived or known threats, transportation assistance in conjunction with visiting dignitaries and other matters related to these types of operations when they occur within the state.

A summary of general information and activity of the Dignitary Protection Unit follows:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Miles Traveled | 342,271 |
| Duty Hours | |
| Routine | 18,193.5 |
| Other | 10,282.5 |
| Assistance Provided (Hours Worked) | |
| Visiting Dignitaries, etc. | 819.5 |

GOVERNOR’S MANSION SECURITY DETAIL

The Governor’s Mansion is a secured facility staffed by uniformed, arresting officers of the Protective Services Division 24 hours a day, year around. Although the Mansion detail is closely aligned with and shares operations and supervision with the Dignitary Protection Unit, its operations and related challenges are unique. The personnel assigned to the Mansion detail operate from both static monitoring posts equipped with electronic security equipment, and from roving foot patrols of the Mansion property. Each person visiting the Mansion property and each article delivered are greeted and/or received by members of this detail to properly identify, screen, and process to help ensure the safety of the First Family and the executive residence.

During FY 2005-2006, a closed-circuit television system consisting of 14 cameras, a digital video recorder, and a monitoring station was installed at the Governor’s Mansion. The system enhanced security by enabling Mansion detail staff to simultaneously monitor the entire property, including perimeter streets.

A summary of general information and activity of the Mansion Security Detail follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Routine Security Staffing | 24/7 |
| Scheduled Mansion Tours | 296 |
| | 14,130 persons |
| Special Events | 61 |
| (Private Functions/State Dinners) | 7,007 persons |
| Duty Hours | |
| Routine | 16,119.5 |
| Other | 412.25 |

CAPITOL POLICE UNIT

The Capitol Police Unit operates in a manner substantially the same as a modern, comparably sized police department. The primary area of jurisdiction, commonly referred to as the “Capitol complex,” or “campus,” consists primarily of a multi-square-block area in downtown Montgomery dominated by state-owned facilities which house numerous state agencies. The unique atmosphere and variables related to this area of responsibility, primarily the scheduled mass influx of persons and traffic into the complex and the scheduled mass exodus of the same (Monday-Friday, 6 a.m./6 p.m.), create an environment commonly experienced by similar-sized universities and their respective police departments. Thus, by review and sharing of information

from both general police departments and those which operate exclusively with the university/institution-type setting, a template for planning, operations, and response can be drafted.

The Capitol Police Unit is staffed by uniformed arresting officers, police communications officers and support personnel who collectively support operations and services of the unit. The Capitol Police Unit is staffed 24 hours a day, year around. The patrol officers provide a visible law enforcement presence and respond to calls for service or to observed incidents/offenses. The unit's Communications Section is likewise operational 24/7 to provide real-time communications/dispatch services and also to monitor multiple alarm and video systems which operate within the complex.

The Capitol Police Unit supports and assists other divisions within Public Safety and other agencies within the Montgomery area. The unit employs personnel who also serve as members of the department's WMD Response Team and supports other special operation details upon request. During FY 2005-2006, all Capitol Police officers were equipped with Taser devices and certified in their use. Additionally, two officers were certified to train other officers in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators to aid these officers in providing emergency medical assistance.

The personnel of the Capitol Police Unit provide professional law enforcement services within their areas of jurisdiction and responsibility, and constantly strive to adhere to the mission statement and motto of the Department of Public Safety: Courtesy, Service, Protection.

A summary of activity for the Capitol Police Unit follows:

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Training Hours | 498 |
| Duty Hours | |
| Routine | 25,180 |
| Other | 225 |
| Miles Traveled | 188,450 |
| Arrests | 89 |
| Assists | 2,029 |
| Accidents Worked | 20 |
| Warnings | 1,431 |

SERVICE DIVISION

FY 2005-06

The Service Division is responsible for providing training, supplies, equipment, assistance and other special services necessary to the effective operation of the Department of Public Safety. Many of these services are made available to other law enforcement agencies and state departments.

ALABAMA CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING CENTER

The Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center is the largest law enforcement training facility in the state. The 21-acre site in Selma includes an academic building containing classrooms, physical fitness center, dining hall, dormitory, firing range and defensive driving course. The Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center lost the use of its pursuit driving facility located at Selfield during the last fiscal year.

The center provides training for departmental personnel, as well as training and/or accommodations for other law enforcement and governmental agencies.

During the fiscal year, the center provided in-service training to DPS arresting officers following curriculum developed by the Training and Career Development Board. Topics included OC/Baton Recertification, Firearms Qualification, Physical Fitness, Bias-based Policing, Tactical Target Interdiction and Tactical Techniques.

Other training courses presented at the center included Draeger Recertification, Radar Recertification, Police Communication Officer Training, Basic Driver License Examiner Training, CDL Examiner Training, Driver License Examiner In-service Training, Weapons of Mass Destruction, First-line Supervision, Retired Trooper Firearms Qualification, Tactical Rappel Master, STS Radar, Qualtron - Sensor Training, Tactical Team Training, Canine Recertification, Lidar Recertification, Basic Motorcycle Course, State Personnel – Train the Trainer, Patrol Rifle School, Traffic Homicide Investigation, Communication Techniques for Sexual Assault First Responders, Public Information Training, Field Training Officer Training, Digital Canon Camera, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Defensive Driving, and numerous computer courses.

Other agencies conducting training at the center included the American Red Cross, Department of Corrections, Selma Police Department, Department of Forensic Sciences, ACJIS and the ABC Board. Other agencies utilized the center's facilities and resources to train 786 students.

The Alabama Police Academy conducted three Basic Police training sessions, graduating a total of 52 law enforcement officers. These officers represented various agencies across the state including local, county, state and other law enforcement agencies.

The Alabama State Trooper Academy conducted one trooper recruit class, graduating 37 new troopers.

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Training Sessions | 108 |
| Total Students | 2,739 |
| DPS Employees | 1,953 |
| Other Agencies | 786 |
| Basic Police Students | 52 |

STATE TROOPER AVIATION UNIT

The State Trooper Aviation Unit flew 1,225 missions for a total of 3,217.2 flight hours in general support of law enforcement during FY 2006. These totals include 280 flights in support of the marijuana eradication program for a total of 1,329.4 flight hours, and 137 searches (missing persons, escapees, etc.) for a total of 333.7 flight hours. The DPS Aviation Unit utilizes both civil and former military aircraft.

A summary of the unit flight hours during the past several years follows:

| <u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u> | <u>Total</u> <u>Hours</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1998 | 3,967.9 |
| 1999 | 3,141.5 |
| 2000 | 2,347.3 |
| 2001 | 2,875.0 |
| 2002 | 2,753.1 |
| 2003 | 2,403.7 |
| 2004 | 2,615.5 |
| 2005 | 3,116.2 |

At the end of the fiscal year, the unit's operational helicopter fleet consisted of a Bell LongRanger L1 (the only aircraft actually purchased by the department) and seven OH-58's. The Aviation Unit now has three FLIR-equipped helicopters, one each located in Cullman, Montgomery and Fairhope. In addition to thermal imaging, these aircraft are able to utilize real-time color images and transmit either of the images to video receivers on the ground. This enhances the department's capabilities in disasters or other emergency events. The older FLIR was retained and will be used as a backup unit. The airplanes in operation consist of a King Air 200 (twin engine), a Piper Navajo (twin engine), and three Cessna 182's (single engine). The unit continues to seek funding for the acquisition of a Bell 407 helicopter, a faster, more powerful and more capable version of the LongRanger L1.

The unit's arresting officers consist of a chief trooper pilot, three trooper pilot II's, two trooper pilot I's, and one trooper pilot trainee. The unit is evaluating the addition of a tactical flight officer position in the unit.

The maintenance section consists of four mechanics and one maintenance supervisor based in Montgomery. The structure of the maintenance section and the number of flyable aircraft with the availability of military surplus parts is responsible for the unit's cost-effectiveness. Administrative support is accomplished through the assignment of a secretarial position.

COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING

The Communications Engineering Unit provides support for the Department of Public Safety and, on a limited basis, for other state agencies. In addition to maintaining the 24 VHF towers, this unit provides maintenance/assistance for 12 800-megahertz systems located at Quad Cities, Mobile, Decatur, Huntsville, Jacksonville, Montgomery, Gadsden, and other locations. This unit installs and maintains communications equipment for 17 trooper posts/field offices, as well as more than 1,200 mobile radios, and 500 800-megahertz portable radios for the 12 systems.

The unit consists of a communications supervisor, a stock clerk II, an ASA II, and nine employees in the position of communications technician II. Unit personnel install and maintain the following DPS equipment: telephone systems, sirens, base and mobile radios, light bars, cellular telephone car kits, radars, backup AC

power generators, mobile camera systems, emergency lighting and controls and vehicular repeaters.

INVENTORY SERVICES

Inventory Services assigns state numbers to departmental purchases of \$500 or more. The unit inputs and tracks property for accountability, conducts an annual inventory, submits a general asset report annually for accounting, maintains insurance policies on departmental equipment and property, and files claims on damage to buildings and contents.

At the end of the fiscal year, DPS had 15,639 active items with a value of \$500 or more each. The total acquisition cost for inventory is \$62,136,369.89.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES

Photographic Services provides support for the department by taking photographs, producing videotape, processing film and printing pictures from film and digital files of crime scenes, copies of fingerprints, crash scenes, criminal suspects and publicity photos.

The unit also provides processing and printing services to other law enforcement agencies requesting assistance. Preserving the chain of evidence, maintaining confidentiality and processing film from scenes of brutality are law enforcement requirements that must be fulfilled by this section instead of by a commercial photographic laboratory.

During the fiscal year, the unit added 40 Rebel digital camera kits to the Highway Patrol Division, replacing the film Rebel and Canon AE1P kits. By doing so, the unit had the opportunity for the first time to issue camera kits to graduating trooper trainees, equipping all Highway Patrol troopers with cameras. The unit added 21 Rebel Digital kits designed for ABI agents, freeing up film cameras for Highway Patrol. Unit personnel have been issued professional digital cameras to enhance efficiency and quality.

Unit personnel assisted with photo work for aials on murder cases, narcotic cases and photos for tactical teams. Unit personnel were awarded citations for their work in helping the task force investigation of church fires in west Alabama, which lead to developing a potential lead in the case that resulted in the arrest of three subjects. The unit continued to provide photos for the Headquarters display of departmental activities.

Each year the unit continues to advance its work in digital photography and video. The unit processed 4,222 rolls of film for a total of 48,910 prints, 48,882 in color and 28 in black and white.

SUPPLY UNIT

Supplies and equipment purchases — other than those provided through Fleet Maintenance, Communications Engineering and Information Services — are ordered and distributed through the Supply Unit. Uniforms for arresting officers, driver license examiners, and police communications personnel, protective equipment, office furniture and office supplies totaled \$621,877.72.

DPS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST

This position provides a centralized location to coordinate all DPS-owned building repairs and maintenance and to act as the central repository and coordinator for leased facilities, in concert with the department's Legal Unit.

The process of upgrading department facilities continues, with renovation of the exterior at the Quad Cities Highway Patrol Post, which entailed replacing all exterior rotten wood with maintenance-free materials. This action, coupled with painting and replacing window screens and repairing parking lot lighting, should eliminate further deterioration of the facility. Improvements to the Jacksonville Post continued with the replacement of the exterior doors. Future projects pending at this post include replacing all rotten exterior wood. An improvement made at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center was replacing the elevator in the dormitory.

Site visits were made to the Highway Patrol Post in Gadsden and the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center, as well as the Quad Cities and Jacksonville posts.

In July 2006, a plant supervisor position was approved and an employee hired. This individual will provide expertise in ensuring DPS facilities are properly maintained and will serve as a liaison between maintenance vendors and the department.

Other activities include:

- Maintaining a computer database of DPS-owned and/or leased facilities;
- Monitoring waste disposal purchase orders for all DPS facilities;
- Monitoring building repair purchase orders for payments;
- Preparing the annual real property questionnaires for submission to the Examiners of Public Accounts.

FLEET MAINTENANCE

Fleet Maintenance is responsible for the issuance and maintenance of all vehicles operated by the department, supplying automotive parts to outlying state trooper posts, and assisting other units during special details. New vehicles were placed into service for ABI, Highway Patrol, Administrative, Driver License and Protective Services divisions. Unit personnel also repaired DPS lawn equipment and office equipment and completed wrecker trips for other state agencies when assistance was needed.

The following activities took place at Fleet Maintenance during the fiscal year:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| New vehicles | 312 |
| Vehicles placed back in service | 181 |
| Mechanical repairs/general repairs | 5,713 |
| New cars painted/decaled | 201 |
| Cars prepped for auction | 68 |
| Body work performed | 157 |
| Number of auctions | 2 |
| DPS wrecker trips | 98 |
| Total cost of work orders | \$728,608.68 |

Fund 0519 - Public Safety Responsibility
Department of Public Safety
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006

| | Balance October 1, 2005 | Additions | Reductions | Balance September 30, 2006 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash | 379,506 | 239,017 | (205,362) | 413,161 |
| Total Assets | \$ 379,506 | 239,017 | (205,362) | 413,161 |
| | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Accident Bonds | \$ (379,506) | (239,017) | 205,362 | (413,161) |
| Total Liabilities | (379,506) | (239,017) | 205,362 | (413,161) |

Fund 0721 - DPS Automated Fingerprint ID System - Act 93-676
Department of Public Safety
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006

| | ABI | Total Police Services 611 | Dept Total FY 2006 | Dept Total FY 2005 | Increase (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Budget: | 7,500,000 | 7,500,000 | 7,500,000 | 7,500,000 | - |
| Expenditures and Commitments: | | | | | |
| 0100 Personnel Costs | 1,025,838 | 976,510 | 1,025,838 | 711,276 | 314,562 |
| 0200 Employee Benefits | 407,640 | 322,673 | 407,640 | 257,840 | 149,800 |
| 0300 Travel -in-State | 45 | 900 | 45 | 812 | (767) |
| 0400 Travel-out-of-State | | 706 | - | 781 | (781) |
| 0500 Repairs and Maintenance | 340,641 | 335,573 | 340,641 | 283,477 | 57,164 |
| 0600 Rentals and Leases | 340,280 | 684,896 | 340,280 | 680,502 | (340,222) |
| 0700 Utilities and Communication | 11,550 | 7,667 | 11,550 | 8,221 | 3,329 |
| 0800 Professional Services | 943,284 | 2,207,218 | 943,284 | 761,801 | 181,483 |
| 0900 Supplies, Materials & Operating | 12,029 | 25,153 | 12,029 | 19,172 | (7,143) |
| 1000 Transportation Equip Operations | | | - | - | - |
| 1100 Grants and Benefits | | | - | - | - |
| 1200 Capital Outlay | | | - | - | - |
| 1300 Transportation Purchases | | | - | - | - |
| 1400 Other Equipment Purchases | 748,344 | 497,918 | 748,344 | 1,014,735 | (266,391) |
| Total Expenditures | 3,829,651 | 3,829,651 | 3,829,651 | 3,738,617 | 91,034 |

Fund 0749 - Public Safety Law Enforcement Act 93-769
Department of Public Safety
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006

| | Highway Patrol 0291 | ABI 0292 | Protective Services 0293 | Total Police Services 611 | Unit Services 0323 | Total Support Services 614 | Dept/Div Admin 0336 | Licenses 0337 | Total Admin Services 616 | Readiness/ Recovery 621 | Dept Total FY 2006 | Dept Total FY 2005 | Increase (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Budget: | 5,562,362 | 5,702,081 | 64,000 | 11,328,443 | 10,259,790 | 10,259,790 | 851,516 | 22,699,521 | 23,551,037 | | 45,139,270 | 24,000,000 | 21,139,270 |
| Expenditures and Commitments: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0100 Personnel Costs | 450,314 | 3,237,095 | | 3,687,409 | | - | (1,665) | 9,405,183 | 9,403,518 | | 13,090,927 | 4,465,119 | 8,625,808 |
| 0200 Employee Benefits | 167,491 | 907,997 | | 1,075,488 | | - | 267,294 | 3,701,236 | 3,968,530 | | 5,044,018 | 1,586,585 | 3,457,433 |
| 0300 Travel -in-State | 226,474 | | 360 | 226,834 | 9,739 | 9,739 | 2,160 | 145,048 | 147,208 | | 383,782 | 270,786 | 112,996 |
| 0400 Travel-Out-of-State | 23,623 | | 3,112 | 26,735 | 2,201 | 2,201 | | 39,213 | 39,213 | | 68,149 | 13,274 | 54,875 |
| 0500 Repairs and Maintenance | 1,099 | | | 1,099 | 612,805 | 612,805 | | 414,128 | 414,128 | | 1,028,031 | 677,729 | 350,302 |
| 0600 Rentals and Leases | 1,158 | | | 1,158 | 2,896,765 | 2,896,765 | 3,728 | 171,656 | 175,384 | | 3,073,307 | 2,814,926 | 258,380 |
| 0700 Utilities and Communication | 6,228 | | 971 | 7,199 | 513,183 | 513,183 | 79,333 | 1,673,665 | 1,752,998 | | 2,273,381 | 1,832,426 | 440,954 |
| 0800 Professional Services | 190,999 | | | 190,999 | 721,871 | 721,871 | 211,903 | 2,225,656 | 2,437,559 | | 3,350,430 | 1,881,935 | 1,468,495 |
| 0900 Supplies, Materials & Operating | 647,673 | | 16,229 | 663,902 | 1,599,121 | 1,599,121 | 12,844 | 2,363,679 | 2,376,523 | | 4,639,546 | 2,563,569 | 2,075,977 |
| 1000 Transportation Equip Operations | 325,100 | | | 325,100 | 3,526,807 | 3,526,807 | | | - | | 3,851,907 | 3,228,587 | 623,320 |
| 1100 Grants and Benefits | 60,000 | | | 60,000 | | | 88,716 | | 88,716 | | 148,716 | 90,841 | 57,874 |
| 1200 Capital Outlay | | | | - | | | | | - | | - | - | - |
| 1300 Transportation Purchases | 39,998 | | | 39,998 | | - | | | - | | 39,998 | - | 39,998 |
| 1400 Other Equipment Purchases | 335,333 | | 3,507 | 338,840 | 42,159 | 42,159 | | 205,152 | 205,152 | - | 586,150 | 91,706 | 494,444 |
| Total Expenditures | 2,475,490 | 4,145,092 | 24,180 | 6,644,762 | 9,924,649 | 9,924,649 | 664,314 | 20,344,615 | 21,008,929 | - | 37,578,340 | 19,517,483 | 18,060,857 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 3,086,872 | 1,556,989 | 39,820 | 4,683,681 | 335,141 | 187,202 | 2,354,906 | 2,542,108 | - | 7,560,930 | 4,482,517 | 3,078,413 |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Fund 0792 - DPS Motor Vehicle Replacement Fund - Act 95-389
Department of Public Safety
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006

| | Unit Services 0323 | Total Support Services 614 | Dept Total FY 2006 | Dept Total FY 2005 | Increase (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Budget: | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Expenditures and Commitments: | | | | | |
| 0100 Personnel Costs | | | | | |
| 0200 Employee Benefits | | | | | |
| 0300 Travel -in-State | | | | | |
| 0400 Travel-out-of-State | | | | | |
| 0500 Repairs and Maintenance | | | | | |
| 0600 Rentals and Leases | | | | | |
| 0700 Utilities and Communication | | | | | - |
| 0800 Professional Services | 30,500 | 30,500 | 30,500 | - | 30,500 |
| 0900 Supplies, Materials & Operating | 39,836 | 39,836 | 39,836 | - | 39,836 |
| 1000 Transportation Equip Operations | 154,978 | 154,978 | 154,978 | 113,500 | 41,478 |
| 1100 Grants and Benefits | | | | | |
| 1200 Capital Outlay | | | | | |
| 1300 Transportation Purchases | 830,079 | 830,079 | 830,079 | 490,100 | 339,979 |
| 1400 Other Equipment Purchases | 164,469 | 164,469 | 164,469 | 107,182 | 57,287 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,219,861 | 1,219,861 | 1,219,861 | 710,782 | 509,079 |

Fund 0952 - ABI Cost of Evidence Fund - Act 98-557
Department of Public Safety
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006

| | ABI 0292 | Total Police Services 611 | Dept Total FY 2006 | Dept Total FY 2005 | Increase (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Budget: | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | - |
| Expenditures and Commitments: | | | | | |
| 0100 Personnel Costs | | - | - | - | - |
| 0200 Employee Benefits | | - | - | - | - |
| 0300 Travel -in-State | | - | - | - | - |
| 0400 Travel-out-of-State | | - | - | - | - |
| 0500 Repairs and Maintenance | | - | - | - | - |
| 0600 Rentals and Leases | | - | - | - | - |
| 0700 Utilities and Communication | | - | - | - | - |
| 0800 Professional Services | | - | - | - | - |
| 0900 Supplies, Materials & Operating | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 65,000 | (40,000) |
| 1000 Transportation Equip Operations | | - | - | - | - |
| 1100 Grants and Benefits | | - | - | - | - |
| 1200 Capital Outlay | | - | - | - | - |
| 1300 Transportation Purchases | | - | - | - | - |
| 1400 Other Equipment Purchases | | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expenditures | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 65,000 | (40,000) |

Department of Public Safety
Revenues
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006

| Revenue Code | Description | Amount Collected FY 2006 | Amount Collected FY 2005 | Increase (Decrease) |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund 0100: | | | | |
| 0396 | Nondriver ID's | \$ 348,036 | \$ | \$ 348,036 |
| 0391 | Driver License Fees | \$ 11,828,403 | \$ 12,905,264 | \$ (1,076,861) |
| 0416 | Commercial Drivers' License | \$ 951,837 | \$ 432,620 | \$ 519,217 |
| 0470 | Accident Records | \$ 365,134 | \$ 344,175 | \$ 20,959 |
| 0472 | Driver License Reinstatement Fees | \$ 6,333,911 | \$ 6,367,313 | \$ (33,402) |
| 0476 | Certified Driving Records | \$ 9,729,729 | \$ 10,540,861 | \$ (811,132) |
| 0478 | Driver License Exam Fee | \$ 894,770 | \$ 972,355 | \$ (77,585) |
| 0537 | Other Fees | \$ 9,447 | \$ 4,753 | \$ 4,695 |
| DPS Special Revenue Fund 0386: | | | | |
| 0550 | Public Safety Fines and Forfeits | \$ 901,426 | \$ 2,222,253 | \$ (1,320,827) |
| 0680 | Insurance Recovery | \$ 40,762 | \$ | \$ 40,762 |
| 0623 | Interest on State Deposits | \$ 19,685 | \$ 16,101 | \$ 3,584 |
| 0683 | Reimbursements Not Classified | \$ 578,788 | \$ 693,627 | \$ (114,839) |
| 0684 | Prior Year Refunds | \$ 6,550 | \$ 3,178 | \$ 3,372 |
| 0699 | Salvage Equipment Proceeds | \$ 1,158 | \$ 37 | \$ 1,121 |
| 0724 | Nongovernment Contributions | \$ 1,150 | \$ 5,225 | \$ (4,075) |
| 0775 | Other Services | \$ 253,909 | \$ 51,934 | \$ 201,975 |
| 0800 | Appropriation Transfers In | \$ 3,500,000 | \$ 3,500,000 | \$ - |
| 0810 | Interfund State | \$ 6,602,802 | \$ 4,424,329 | \$ 2,178,472 |
| 0825 | Interfund Federal | \$ 7,862,132 | \$ 3,877,978 | \$ 3,984,153 |
| 0828 | Refund Prior Year Federal | \$ | \$ 269,311 | \$ (269,311) |
| 0859 | Federal Operating Reimbursements | \$ 7,481,163 | \$ 5,667,897 | \$ 1,813,265 |
| 0869 | Local Operating Grant | \$ 929,902 | \$ 149,699 | \$ 780,203 |
| Automated Fingerprint Identification System Fund 0721: | | | | |
| 0491 | Criminal History Fee | \$ 3,699,667 | \$ 2,109,832 | \$ 1,589,835 |
| 0683 | Reimbursements Not Classified | \$ | \$ | \$ - |
| DPS Highway Traffic Safety Fund 0749: | | | | |
| 0015 | Traffic Infraction | \$ 924,755 | \$ 809,448 | \$ 115,307 |
| 0386 | Nondriver ID's | \$ 192,566 | \$ | \$ 192,566 |
| 0388 | Duplicate Driver Licenses | \$ | \$ 2,747,706 | \$ (2,747,706) |
| 0389 | Boat Driver License | \$ 54,209 | \$ 163,520 | \$ (109,312) |
| 0391 | Driver License Fees | \$ 10,013,245 | \$ 7,640,029 | \$ 2,373,216 |
| 0416 | Commercial Drivers' License | \$ 354,703 | \$ 308,310 | \$ 46,393 |
| 0470 | Accident Records | \$ 232,376 | \$ 227,980 | \$ 4,396 |
| 0472 | Driver License Reinstatement Fees | \$ 5,028,463 | \$ 4,921,486 | \$ 106,977 |
| 0478 | Driver License Exams (Transfer Fee) | \$ 296,448 | \$ | \$ 296,448 |
| 0540 | Judicial Article Fines | \$ 315,320 | \$ 259,862 | \$ 55,458 |
| 0683 | Reimbursements Not Classified | \$ | \$ | \$ - |
| 0684 | Prior Year Refunds | \$ | \$ 1,458 | \$ (1,458) |
| 0800 | Transfers In | \$ 18,139,270 | \$ | \$ 18,139,270 |
| 0875 | Perior Period | \$ (845) | \$ | \$ (845) |
| DPS Motor Vehicle Replacement Fund 0792: | | | | |
| 0683 | Reimbursements Not Classified | \$ | \$ 10,307 | \$ (10,307) |
| 0699 | Salvage Equipment Proceeds | \$ 893,820 | \$ 93,869 | \$ 799,951 |
| 0859 | Federal Operating Reimbursements | \$ | \$ | \$ - |
| Total Revenues Collected | | \$ 98,784,691 | \$ 71,742,720 | \$ 27,041,971 |